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## Pioneer Couple Honored On Golden Wedding Day

CROSSFIELD.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collicutt of Crossfield were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary this week at a family dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Hood.

Pioneer residents of the district, they were married in the only Baptist Church in Calgary, July 3, 1901.

Reminiscing over their wedding day Mrs. Collicutt recalls that it was "raining like everything" and that their honeymoon train was late . . . but then the trains weren't very regular those days Mr. Collicutt remembers, "they just came when they could."

Their marriage in the little church on the corner of 4th Ave. and 4th St. W. that rainy afternoon was the culmination of a childhood romance for Frank Collicutt and Margaret (Maggie) Murdoch.

The son of one of Alberta's earliest homesteaders and the daughter of the first mayor of Calgary, N.W.T., first met when they were 13 and 11 respectively. From then on there was no other girl for Frank Collicutt who admits it was Maggie's beautiful red hair he first "fell for." "She was a very pretty girl and red-headed. I always wanted a red-head in the family so I never quit coaxing until she said 'Yes.' His red-headed bride of 50 years ago, whose hair is now tinged with gray, says she has never been sorry she yielded to her husband's coaxing even though none of their three daughters had red hair."

Born in St. John, N.B., Mrs. Collicutt accompanied her mother and a younger brother and sister to Calgary in 1884 to join her father who had settled here several years earlier. Her first recollections of Calgary are of board sidewalks and the Hudson's Bay Company post where Indians were always sitting on the floor. "I was never afraid of them and had some good Indian friends, but they terrified my mother." After we arrived in our new home mother barred all doors and windows against the Indians until father told her we must be friendly to them, then she gave away nearly all our supplies trying to get rid of them. Mr. Collicutt recalls with amusement.

The Murdoch home was across the street from the town hall, which was located where the city hall now stands, and the Murdochs had the only piano in town. As a result each week the Presbyterian choir held practice sessions in the parlor, and these practices are among Mrs. Collicutt's vivid memories of her childhood in Calgary. She attended Crawford's School in Paget Hall, and later high school in what is now James Short School. "After high school I wanted to be a nurse but my father said 'No, it is time you learned housekeeping and helped your mother with

the younger children, so I did." But Maggie Murdoch's house-keeping career was short-lived for the married shortly after and began raising her own family.

Mr. Collicutt, who was born in Albert County, N.B., came west in 1890 and his childhood was spent on his father's ranch near Airdrie. When he was 21 he started his own place, the Willow Creek ranch near Crossfield, where he and Mrs. Collicutt made their home for 30 years until their retirement more than four years ago when they came to live in Calgary.

Famed for his raising of prize Hereford cattle, and recently named to the Alberta Agricultural Hall of Fame, Mr. Collicutt hopes that agriculture and cattle-raising will always be primary industries in this province.

A life member of the Stampede Board, Mr. Collicutt has also served as president of the Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association, the Alberta Hereford Breeders' group and of the Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association. He and his wife are also active in the Southern Alberta Old-Timers' and Pioneers' Association.

Although they have travelled extensively, Mr. and Mrs. Collicutt think there is no place like Alberta despite the recent weather. "One of these days the weather will break and we'll be praying for rain . . . that's Alberta," is Mr. Collicutt's forecast.

The pioneer couple have a simple recipe for success as of marriage, "Don't expect too much, the honeymoon can't go on forever," is their advice to young people embarking on matrimony.

## Crossfield Rancher Opens Calgary Stampede

CROSSFIELD — Mr. Frank Collicutt, recently named in the Alberta Hall of Fame for Agriculture, opened the Stampede on Monday in Calgary.

Mr. Collicutt, who has been in Crossfield for over 30 years and has a great many friends and relatives in our town and district, who wish Mr. and Mrs. Collicutt many more years of continued happiness. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

## Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCool announce the engagement of their only daughter, Ruth Lucille, to James Neil, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Wm. Rowat of Crossfield, the wedding to take place on Wednesday, July 25 at 2:00 p.m., in Crossfield United Church.



AVA GARDNER appears in the colorful role of Julie in MGM's forthcoming Technicolor musical, "Show Boat," in which she recreates the role made famous by the late Helen Morgan, singing "My Bill," and "Can't Help Lovin' That Man."

## COLORFUL RANGEMAN 'DAD' MOORE DIES IN CALIFORNIA

CROSSFIELD — Colorful rangeman who was prominent in the first decade of chuck-wagon races at the Calgary Stampede in the 1920's and early 1930's, Charles H. "Dad" Moore, formerly of Crossfield and Calgary, died at Stockton, Calif. He was 89.

For many years, even when he was past 70, "Dad" Moore drove his Crossfield Dare Devil Ranch team in the rough and ready wagon derbies. He was involved in many driving feuds with such early day rivals as Tom Leander, Clem Gardner, Dick Cochrane, Jim Ross, Slim Swain and Jack Morton.

He survived several spectacular smash-ups in the annual races, and even after he was 70 suffered several broken ribs when his wagon locked wheels with another and overturned on the backstretch. He was also a leading driver when democrat races were featured at the Stampede, won one heat on three wheels after smashing into another rig turning into the home stretch.

Born at Waynesburg Pa., in 1861, he drove west in a covered wagon train as a young man and lived at Holyoke, Colorado, for many years before coming to the Crossfield district in 1914. He moved to Calgary in 1931 and to Stockton a few years later.

He is survived by his wife in Stockton; three sons, Harley of Fair Oaks, Calif.; Guy of Orangeville, Calif.; and Perry of Vancouver, B.C.; five daughters, Mrs. Lela M. Miller of Edmonton, Mrs. Nelly Cox, Yakima, Wash., Mrs. Opal D. Vance, Burns Lake, B.C.,

Mrs. Alpha L. Moser, Moapa, Nevada, and Mrs. Inez E. Moore of Calgary.

Also surviving are 20 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Frank of Lincoln, Neb., and Thomas of Oakland Park, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Powell of Joplin, Mo., and Mrs. Nettie Overbeck, Oakland Park, Fla.

Funeral services were held at Stockton.

## MADDEN MURMURS

Mr. and Mrs. Godolton have as their guests the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. May from Oregon, U.S.A.

Mrs. M. Leask, Miss Catherine and Isobel Leask all left on Thursday by motor for a trip to Yellowstone and Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Irwin have as their guests the former's aunt and sister from Toronto, and also another aunt from North Battleford, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Latimer and family left on Friday for a holiday in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stafford have returned from the north country (Dawson Creek) and report roads are fine.

## Mildred Verle Weds Donald Slack

CROSSFIELD — On July 6, at 3:30 p.m. in the United Church, Crossfield, a very pretty wedding was solemnized, when Rev. Ball officiated at the marriage of Mildred Verle, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Len Snyder, Crossfield, to Donald Slack, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Slack of Weston, Ontario.

Baskets of peonies and fern, flanked the altar and pretty garden flowers made a picturesque setting for the occasion.

The bride, who entered the aisle to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march with Mrs. Edgar at the organ, looked very charming and was given in marriage by her father. Her dress was of heavy floor-length white satin with sweetheart neckline, lily-point sleeves and trimmings of pearl. The skirt fell simply in front and was swept to the back at waist in fullness to create a semi-sweeping train. Her lace-edged illusion net veil entrained was held with a pearl set head-dress and she wore a string of pearls. Her bouquet was comprised of blood-red roses.

Miss Lennie Snyder, sister of the bride, was her only attendant, clad in bouffant fronted organza and blue floor-length gown, the bodice of which featured a high net yoke with ruffle trim on front and shoulders. Her head-dress was of white floral design and she carried pink carnations.

Supporting the groom was Mr. Eddi Snyder of Crossfield, whilst Tommy Reeves and Percy Blake ushered the guests, whose sections were marked with pretty pink satin bows.

Accompanied by Mrs. Edgar at the organ, Mrs. Joyce Barnister sang very sweetly "Because."

Following the nuptials a reception was held for some 80 guests at the Crossfield Memorial Hall. Receiving were the parents of the bride and the bride party. Mrs. Snyder, Sr., wore for this occasion a pastel blue model with corsage of pink and white roses and carnations.

Mr. John Van Maarian acted as toastmaster.

The brides' table was very attractively arranged with three-tiered wedding cake flanked with tall pails and flowers.

Ken Borbridge proposed the toast to the bride, to which the groom suitably responded.

For her departure, the bride wore a green gabardine suit with brown accessories. The happy couple will honeymoon in the mountains, returning to take in the Stampede before journeying on to Ontario, where they will make their home.



Lucille DUMONT of Montreal, a queen of the Canadian airwaves, alternates with Muriel Millard as singing star on the CBC French network program, "Rhythmes de Paris," which is heard locally Fridays at 6 p.m.

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## Mother Wrong In Trying To Interfere With Daughter

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My husband and I thing this is foolish as she knows nothing about conditions down there and the baby may get sick.

But she seems determined to go no matter how black a picture we paint. What do you think about it? Surely if they love each other they can stand being separated a year.

Answer:

Anxious Mother.

I think you are doing the wrong thing to try and keep your daughter with you. In fact, I think that selfishness is at the bottom of this desire to have her stay even though you are aware that the real reason you wish her to stay is that you hate being separated from her and her child.

She, I am sure will be much happier with her husband and he with her than they would be apart, even though she may not have a mother to help her over the rough places during the coming year.

Your daughter is an adult and capable of deciding what she wishes to do and I, for one, am all for the girls who are willing to share the rough places as well

as the smooth with their husbands as they go through life.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:

I have been going with a boy that I like very much but I am not in love with him. He wants me to marry him and I have promised to do so. His family is very prominent but he has a bad reputation. Do you think he will reform if I marry him?

Eighteen.

Answer:

Don't count on reforming a man after marriage. If he doesn't turn over a new leaf before hand there is not much chance that he will do so thereafter. And, for goodness sake, do not marry a man just because he comes of a good family or has money if you don't love him. It will be the hardest money you ever earned.

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## Says Canadians Have Scandalous Drinking Habits

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Bartender Bob Harblson has spent the last quarter-century behind the most distinguished bars in England, Canada and the United States. He said Canadians drink more and get drunker than Englishmen or Americans.

"The women here don't know how to drink, either," he said. "Canadian women like to mix their drinks too much. They switch from cocktail to cocktail and the next morning they're sick."

Harblson said English men and women never get drunk.

"They'll always cut themselves off when they know they've had too much," he said, "but not the Canadian. Canadians seem to be

about on a par with Americans. But I think they drink a bit more here."

Harblson has mixed drinks at the Savoy Hotel in London, the Drum Bar in Buffalo, N.Y., the Winston Grill in Toronto and other bars in Montreal and New York.

He blamed liquor laws in Canada for the heavier drinking.

"They can get a drink any time at all down in the States, but here they can't and perhaps they try to get as much as they can before the bar is shut down," he said.

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The suit asks damages from Mulligan "for slander uttered and published of and concerning" Haggert on May 2 and 3 last.

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## Lurid Past Left Behind By Booming Mining Town

PRINCETOWN, B.C. — (BUP) — This land-locked town, the largest unorganized town in Canada's west, sealed a picturesque past with lurid episodes by voting to incorporate under the Municipalities Act.

By the vote, Allison townsite, Princeton Heights and West Princeton became one town of 2,500 population.

In 1860, British Columbia's imperious governor, James Douglas, set out from Hope, B.C., to the Rock Creek diggings at the gateway of present-day Princeton's mountain ramparts.

He told the rough, bearded miners that he would build them a wagon road from Hope to link their claimants with the coast, 130 miles away, to make their mining pay.

He sent a detachment of Royal Engineers to garrison the gold-hungry town. It was named after the Prince of Wales, late King

Edward VII, who was making his first tour of the Dominion.

### GOLD FEVER SHIFTS

Douglas had not reckoned with the gold fever shifting to the Cariboo, however, and his wagon road for the miners in the Similkameen basin was abandoned after reaching out 25 miles from Hope.

In 1885, excitement surged anew with the Granite Creek gold stampede and a tent city mushroomed to become the fifth largest in the province, but it faded quickly. Interest gradually turned to the Similkameen's lode mineral resources, with occasional "hydraulic" placer ventures. Other nearby gold camps such as McKinnay, Fairview, Phoenix and Roseland rose to replace the placer excitement.

The Nickel Plate mine at Hedley became a sensation. Activity also spurred in the Copper Mountain and Summit camps. Several railways scrambled to push lines into the country, including Jim Hill and his Spokane, Wash., link to the Great Northern system.

By 1900, Princeton was a flourishing place, with even a pine forest-girded race track. But starved of transport to the coast, the town languished again. Hill's railway never got beyond Princeton to complete the proposed loop from Spokane to the coast.

The demand for copper in World War I gave Princeton a new lease on life. It was largely to service the huge Consolidated Mining company smelter at Trail that the Canadian Pacific Kettle Valley line finally took over Hill's survey to the coast.

World War II provided a further impetus and Douglas's century-old dream of a Hope highway finally materialized on Nov. 2, 1949.

The decision to incorporate, long a bone of contention in the area, blossomed in full force then, with residents voting this spring to end their 90 years of autonomy and become a town.

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ADVENTURE and travel were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Buck and their three children, of Kimberly, B.C., when they recently journeyed from B.C. to Pickering, Ont. in a 26-year-old car "worth \$10." The 3,000-mile, 12-day trip cost the family \$35. Only trouble which developed during the trip was a flat tire.

## NORTH B.C. DISTRICTS INCLUDED IN ALTA. CIVIL DEFENCE SET-UP

### Kerr Named VP Of Advt. Agency

Announcement has been made from Vancouver of the appointment of Walter M. Kerr as Vice-President of Stewart, Bowman, Macpherson Ltd., Advertising Agency.

Mr. Kerr has served on the Board of Directors since 1950 and manages the Edmonton office of the firm.

He has been engaged in the advertising business since 1925 and was Promotion Manager of the Edmonton Journal for many years until going overseas in 1940.

He joined Stewart, Bowman, Macpherson Ltd., on returning to Canada in 1946, following service as a Staff Officer in Northwest Europe.

### Liberal To Fill Vacant House Seat

The legislature's vacant seat will be filled by a Liberal member when the House convenes for its next session in Edmonton.

This was learned last Friday, eight days after voters went to the polls in the northern Alberta district of Grouard to elect J. R. Desfosse, French-Canadian farmer, as their representative.

Counting of the ballots was delayed by late reports from two polls in the sprawling constituency.

Three municipalities in north-western British Columbia will be included in Alberta for civil defence co-ordination purposes, Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Howsam, Alberta's civil defence chief, said in Edmonton.

The municipalities, in the Peace River block just across the Alberta border, are Fort St. John, Dawson Creek and Pouze Coupe.

Air Vice-Marshal Howsam said the three communities are not readily accessible through southern and western B.C.

Meanwhile, it was reported that an air raid warning system may soon be installed in Edmonton and other Canadian cities undertaking civil defence organization.

The federal government is asking municipalities for estimates of the number of sirens they will need.

The federal government is taking the responsibility for the provision of sirens to all centres.

Plans are to install a five horsepower type which emits a continuous wailing noise. It can be heard a mile away.

Desfosse received 2386 votes on the second count. His Social Credit opponent, Douglas McLaughlin, garnered 2327 votes. CCF candidate C. R. Clark trailed with 650 votes.

The by-election result marked only the second time the Social Credit government has failed to defend a seat successfully.

## No Solution Found to Mystery Of West Coast's 'Haunted House'

VICTORIA, B.C.—(BUP)—The ghosts of Glamis Castle and the Tower of London would be hard-pressed to match the mysterious happenings at the home of Col. T. C. Evans.

Doors open mysteriously. Footsteps are heard in the halls. Windows swing open and rocking chairs rock. Yet no human being can be seen.

Evans' rambling cottage, a remnant of colonial days, has attracted ghost experts and de-bunkers from all over the world. None have yet been able to give a satisfactory account for the strange goings-on.

John Tod built the bungalow in 1851. He was a power in the Hudson's Bay Company, and a member of the council of Vancouver Island. During his 31 years residence, Tod carried seven brides across the threshold of his home.

Some 20 years ago, one of the owners of the house was clearing out the basement and found a pile of human bones stuck away in a

corner. Still later, Evans was installing an oil tank in the front lawn, and found more human bones. No one has explained how they got there, or whose remains they were.

There is one particularly ghostly room in the house. During the war, some RCMP boys spent the night in it on a dare. In the morning they reported they heard people walking around the house, and their bedroom door mysteriously opened and shut on its own accord.

A fine New Year's party was held a few years back. The guests watched a blue jar in the kitchen swing back and forth on a hook for 35 minutes.

Evans got fed up seeing a lovely old colonial rocking chair in the living room sway mysteriously when nobody was occupying it. He moved it into the hall. Now and then he finds all the hats from the hatrack strewn on the floor, and the chair still rocks of its

own accord.

"There's one thing about it," said Mrs. Evans, "You're never lonely in the house."

A front window periodically flies out from its position and lands on the floor, shattering the glass. Even a change of catches has failed to put an end to it.

The door leading from the kitchen to the cellar opened for no good reason, until the Colonel put a new bolt on it.

The strange visitations have a strong effect on the Evans' social life. More than once, guests have packed up and left the haunted house long before the rest of the household is awakened. The Evans don't exactly blame them.

So-called "experts" in the field of ghosts have come up with many solutions to the problem. One observer points to the possibility that one of Tod's wives was unhappy in the house, and her spirit has returned to find some of the happiness it missed.



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## Vacationing Motorists Given Some Friendly Tips

AKRON, Ohio.—(BUP)—Careful advance planning can assure the motorist a "trouble-free" vacation, according to the B. F. Goodrich company.

### PICKS UP DISTANT TV

HALIFAX—(BUP)—A Texan radio engineer is logging television stations from Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Boston and New York.

Arvieth Canning, chief CBC operator in Halifax, has been experimenting with TV since 1949. He receives fairly consistently now and said he had seen programs from 19 different stations and from distances of more than 4,000 miles.

His confirmed distance record is 2,950 miles from the station at Houston, Tex., but he said he once caught Sao Paulo, Brazil, 4,200 miles away.

First, the family car should get a complete check-up by a mechanic, Goodrich recommends. Brakes, lights and ignition should be inspected and tires examined carefully for cuts or breaks in sidewalls and tread.

After the car's in top shape, Goodrich suggests the vacationist:

- 1) put an extra fuse, a first aid kit and a small fire extinguisher in the glove compartment;
- 2) store an extra few gallons of gas in a safety tank in the car;
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## EDITORIAL PAGE

### Alberta's Telephone System

For a long time we've felt an article should be published bringing to the attention of Albertans a situation that is obvious to nearly everyone. That is the total inadequacy of the Alberta Government Telephone System service to rural Alberta.

It isn't true that you can get faster service by mailing a letter—but long distance service is so overcrowded with limited lines between points that business men often feel they can drive to the point they want to reach by phone faster than wait their turn at the switchboard.

The Telephone system is not only overloaded on existing extensions of the service, but only a small proportion of farmers get telephone service. If the present government wants any further arguments against the Government ownership of rural electrification—they have it with the present ownership of Government rural telephone service. Compared to establishing hydro lines, putting up rural telephone lines is child's play. Not nearly enough farm families have telephone service. Yet the advantages of quick farm to farm, and farm to town telephone service cannot be questioned.

The Government Telephone System has not kept pace in serving present subscribers. It has absolutely no idea of going out and selling service to farmer prospects not now getting telephone service. It is ludicrous that two communities in the Grouard constituency have no telephone service and election results were held up a week pending receipt of returns by aircraft.

We think Government officials should announce plans to enlarge and modernize the telephone service. Prompt action will alleviate the feelings of many of our telephone users in all parts of the Province.

### The Grouard Election

Election of the Liberal candidate in the Grouard constituency gives the Liberals under J. Harper Prowse a total of three in the legislature. This is by no means a formidable opposition, but at least it gives Mr. Prowse leadership of an official opposition.

The C.C.F. which polled about 15% of the total vote in Grouard, has only two members—one less than the Liberal party. If any trend is apparent, it is that Albertans are fast falling away from any attraction to the Socialists, and are beginning to see the Social Credit party in a new light.

That new light is the sustained period of prosperity that Canadians have enjoyed for a decade. Prosperous people aren't so likely to look for a Utopian pot of gold at the end of any party's program. And without the dividends and free money, Social Credit has become just another political party.

There is only one way possible for the Social Credit party to put its monetary theories to the test—and that is by winning a federal election, Dominion wide. There is only one man alive who could conceivably lead the party to win a national election—Premier Manning. If Mr. Manning thought there was any possibility of winning the confidence of all the people of Canada he would, we are sure, trade places with Hon. Solon Low, and put in for the Social Credit in Ottawa in '53, or '57, or '61. Until he does that, the party has little of getting to first base with its peculiar political and monetary program.

### V.I.P.'s Need Prayer

When the newspaper reporters reached Vice-President Harry Truman shortly after the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, his request to them was "Boys, pray for me". Judging by Mr. Truman's profanity and much-publicized bad temper, it is now apparent that either the boys didn't pray, or else the prayers of newspapermen aren't particularly effective.

How many Christians pray, we may ask? And of those who do pray, how many call upon God Almighty to equip leading world figures with Wisdom from Above? The V.I.P.'s (Very Important Persons) need not only our moral support but our prayer support also. Men and women in high places need the spiritual indulgence of the rest of us, to the end that peace and prosperity may rule the earth.

### A Good Card-Record System

By T. W. FUE

Here's a modern fable that would have stood up to the test of the best Aesop could write. It would go far to explain to the kiddies how we progressed from the gold system of international banking—if it weren't so simple and sensible.

Once upon a time the nations of the World did all their banking with gold bricks. Everybody thought gold was a good medium of exchange. So—when the British borrowed money from the United States they had hundreds of pounds of gold bricks loaded on a ship at New York and expressed, at great expense, to London. When the loan was repaid the gold was loaded at the London docks and sent back to New York.

T. W. FUE

One day a smart international statesman said he thought this system was silly, and suggested a centralized international bank. The plans of the world established a big bank building on Christmas Island in the centre of the Pacific. They sent all the world's gold there and in the huge vaults every nation had its own gold bullion.

An international committee appointed a governor on Christmas Island as World Bank Manager, who lived in a splendid house with his family and a small retinue of servants. A big warship was kept anchored a mile from the shore and all other shipping was forbidden to sail within 200 miles of the place, except once every six months when a supply ship brought mail and provisions.

The nations of the world did their banking by short wave radio. If Slam borrowed \$100,000.00 from England the governor received a short wave message to transfer that much gold from the British record to the Thailand record. It was much easier to carry the bags of gold across a hall and down a corridor on a wheelbarrow than half way round the world by ship.

It was a wonderful system, and easy, too. The Governor kept a card record in a little box on his desk. Every time gold of money was made from one nation to another he not only made it by carting the gold bars across the hall. He made a note of it in his card record system. That way he always knew where the gold was without leaving his desk to count it.

As you can imagine the Governor didn't have very much work to do. Besides, he and his staff got so lazy they even stopped switching gold bricks from one nation's record to another. The Governor kept his card record system up-to-date and figured it was just as good to know where the gold should be without it actually having to be there.

For a long time the system worked out wonderfully well. The world's banking was done by short wave radio and his little card record system held the secrets of world finance. The people of the world were prosperous. They were confident because they were rich. Weren't they, now, with millions of dollars worth of gold stored away in their own respective vaults on Christmas Island? Years went by.

But one day catastrophe struck. An earthquake sent Christmas Island International Bank, the Governor's palatial residence and all the gold to the bottom of the Pacific. The Governor and his staff just managed to escape with their lives—and the precious card record system tucked under his arm. They sailed in a rowboat to the warship standing off shore.

Now the Governor was a very wise person. He knew that if the people of the world found out their gold was all at the bottom of the Pacific they would go into hysterics. Panic would strike the stock market. People would quit buying. Men and women would be thrown out of work. People would starve, without work and without money.

So what did he do? He just set up his headquarters on the warship and stayed where he was. He continued to receive and act upon orders by short wave radio to make international transfers of gold bullion. All by means of his little card record system.

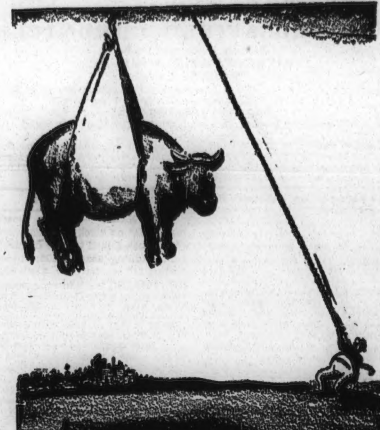
Nearly six months later the supply ship came along, and were they surprised to find Christmas Island was at the bottom of the ocean with all the gold! So was the whole world. But panic at loss of all their wealth was averted. The wise Governor told them how well he had operated without the gold, with his little card record system only, for so long.

The world soon found out that gold wasn't much good as wealth, and they decided they could get along without it. So everyone lived happily ever after.

Which just proves how good is a good Card Record System.

### The Bible Says:

"Whoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."—St. Mark, 9:38.



Meat prices are already so high they are out of reach of many people. How much higher will they rise?

### Voice of the People

"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"

#### BALLOT BOX BLUES

Dear Sir—That fellow who suggested a lottery in order to get the voters to the polls must have an impractical outlook. Although it is conceivable that such a lottery could be organized, it would hardly be the deplorable state of affairs that democracy. Democracy should need no "come-on" order to get the people to participate in it. And we'll just have to do our best to get along without the votes of people who refuse to take part in democratic elections.

FATIGUED VOTER.

Edmonton

#### FREE ADVICE

Dear Sir—I have a word of advice to those who think they, as individuals, can do nothing about the deplorable state of affairs that prevails in the world today. Heed the words of Alfred A. Weinstein, who said: "You may think there is nothing that any one person can do toward achieving world peace. Yet if every person who believed in the ideas in the Golden Rule, the Sermon on the Mount and the Ten Commandments would begin practicing them in his own small sphere, the combined effect would be world-shaking."

Boyle FARMERETTE.

#### YOUNGER GENERATION

Dear Sir—Don't worry about what the younger generation is coming to. They'll smarten up when they get a little older.

Strome OLD-TIMER.

#### NO UNION JACKS

Dear Sir—Having been on a visit to Mannville to celebrate Dominion Day I was very surprised to find there was no display of Union Jacks other than on the mayor's house, the Grange Hall, and one private home. This I think was a disgrace to a place like Mannville who boasts of its loyalty to King and Empire. Being an ex-Mannville it was surprised to find such a state of affairs.

J. J. WADSWORTH.

Edmonton.

#### GOVT GRANT

Dear Sir—Prime Minister St. Laurent has announced that the federal government is to implement the Massey Report and grant Canadian universities \$7,000,000. This money is necessary to keep the universities operating at their present standards and replace the money formerly paid to the universities through DVA grants for the education of veterans. The government is to be commended for the action, because, whether Canada is in a state of peace or war, progress in education, science and technology is absolutely necessary in our modern world.

Redwater. TEACHER.

#### POSTAL SERVICE

Dear Sir—Allow me to congratulate our postal heads on the exceptionally rapid postal service now being given us. Why, we can have a letter sent from England to Edmonton in three days, but it takes another seven days for it to reach us at Rochford Bridge—75 miles away. I suggest we reintroduce the old stage coach. They could give better service.

TRIMPOULSON.

Richford, B.T.M.

#### DISLIKES POLITICIANS

Dear Sir—That column by T. W. Fue on "The Lighter Side of Law-making" was very interesting. Yet I can't help but wonder what a great many politicians do besides tell jokes and have afternoon naps during the sessions. Do you know that the politicians have a system whereby if a member of one party happens to be sleeping or out of the House at a certain time, a member in the other party refrains from voting on any issue that might arise?

Edmonton ICONOCLAST.

#### RAIL RATE BOOST

Dear Sir—So the railways are getting another freight rate boost. In addition, the cost of living is up again, now at 184.1 points. They say food prices are going to go higher this fall. And yet the government refuses to admit we've got inflation. Mark my words, if this war scare coils of their'll be plenty of people out of work.

OLD SOLDIER.

Lac la Biche.

#### STILL WAITING

Dear Sir—Toronto may have a television station, owned by the CBC, sometime next spring. When Edmonton, Winnipeg and other centres will have one is anybody's guess. This is the price we have to pay for government control of radio. Meanwhile, we're still waiting.

Edmonton J. H. K.

#### NO ROOM FOR ROSE

Dear Sir—There is something radically wrong with the present Citizenship Act if it cannot be used to deport the foreign-born spy Fred Rose who comes out of prison August 9. He is not the sort of man we want in Canada. He has committed treason against our country and yet we are going to allow him to stay here!

Edmonton. DEMOCRAT.

#### FOOD PRICES

Dear Sir—Congratulations on your editorial regarding wheat prices and bread prices. It goes to show the farmer isn't always responsible for higher food prices.

Edmonton. GRAIN GROWER.



## Spotlight on . . .

# ALBERTA

A News Section About Alberta People.  
Week Ending July 14, 1951

## Rural School Divisions Face Financial Crisis As Gov't Aid Needed To Operate

Financial problems facing many Alberta school divisions were revealed this week by an appeal from the Lac Ste. Anne School Division for a larger grant from the provincial government to enable the division to carry on operations.

The Lac Ste. Anne school division covers a sprawling area along a single rail line and highway northwest of Edmonton. It stretches for about 150 miles from Onoway to Mayerthorpe.

F. W. Wiggins, secretary-treasurer of the board, said the division is being "forced into debt" in an effort to maintain minimum education facilities for a steadily increasing student population.

### LOAN REFUSED

The board's application to borrow by debenture was recently turned down, which automatically cut off the division from any aid through the School Borrowing Assistance Act.

The district trustees say the current crisis stems from the en-

forced trend to centralized schooling during the war years.

Construction and improvement of centralized schools became necessary during the war years due to the teacher shortage, as there were no teachers available for service in outlying rural school houses.

In addition to the cost of centralized schools, came the expense of operating transportation systems to van the pupils to school.

School conditions in the area are not satisfactory, the trustees say, and add that it is impossible to administer the division properly with limited funds.

"There has been no provision," said the trustees, "for such subjects as general shop, household economics, or agriculture. We have no auditorium; no provision for carrying out the physical education program in the winter months."

They added that the division "urgently needs more classrooms, and improved facilities for handling the high school program."

The trustees also said that application to the minister of education for permission to borrow privately has met with no response; but the board of arbitration awarded an increase in teachers' salaries.

"The department of education has approved our budget," they said, "commenting that every item seemed to be pared to the bone, and expressing some concern as to whether it would be possible to operate at such a low figure; but the estimated deficit was \$40,000."

The division requires additional funds for new school construction and other capital purposes.

"It should be obvious to all fair minded people," the directors said, "that this situation should not be allowed to continue indefinitely, or it will grow worse and worse, and much more difficult to remedy."



VERA "BUBBLES" ALLEN, a pert 28-year-old Mountie's wife from Ottawa, is now perched on a tiny platform atop a flag pole in Medicine Hat above the city's town hall. The stunt is designed to publicize the Hat's forthcoming Stampede.

## Calgary Slaying Ruled As Sex Crime

CALGARY—The June 17 murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, 32, 316 7th Ave. E., was a sex slaying, it was revealed at an inquest into her death.

Dr. R. C. Riley, pathologist, who performed a post-mortem, told a coroner's jury the woman suffered abdominal rupture, sufficient to cause death. However, the primary cause of death was given as fractures to the head and jaw and damage to the brain.

The pathologist opined that "none of the wounds to the head were made with a sharp instrument" but was interrupted abruptly by Dr. G. R. Johnson, coroner, who stated such evidence was not asked for as it would, in all probability, be guesswork.

Det. Maurice Higgett testified that he, in company with Det.-Sgt. Ken McIvor, reached the room of the slain woman about 7:35 a.m. Only signs of a struggle were an overturned beer bottle and the bed, which was in disorder. The body was covered with blankets, while a pillow had been placed over the woman's face. Some blood stains

## 30,000 Alberta Farmers Suffer Loss From Hail

A five-dollar bill is all that an Alberta farmer requires to protect his entire crop — large or small — against the menace of hail.

That's the boast of the Alberta Hail Insurance Board, which goes into its 14th season of operation this year after having insured a total of 25,000,000 acres with a total risk of \$142,000,000.

### CO-OPERATIVE

The board, whose head office is in Calgary, operates as a co-operative which often gives protection to farmers whose hazard from hail is so great that no other company will give them protection.

In addition to operating its insurance program, the board distributes surplus monies back to its policyholders. In 1948 five per cent dividends were paid, and 10 per cent dividends were paid during the last two years.

Since its inception the board has had 150,000 applications for insurance and 36,000 farmers have filed notices of loss.

Out of every dollar paid by farmers, about 70 cents has been returned in claims, with 15 cents being used for operating costs and 15 cents being placed in a reserve fund for use in heavy hail loss years.

The board's adjusters are men with farming experience and are thoroughly trained in evaluating the damage done to a crop by hail. They, as well as every other employee of the board, are instructed that a claimant must receive exactly what his damage by hail amounts to and every effort is made by the board and its employees to see that this is done.

### DUAL DUTY

The board considers that it has a duty both to the policyholder who is not halted and the policyholder who is halted. The duty to the policyholder who is not halted is that the funds of the board must be conserved and paid out only to those who are eligible and in an amount not more than that to which they are entitled.

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## NEW CATTLE IN ALBERTA

A Medicine Hat district rancher is flying to Britain to negotiate purchase of a large herd of English Devonshire cattle. He said he contemplates an investment of around \$150,000.

The rancher, Harry Veiner, said he hopes to bring Devonshires to western Canada for the first time. As far as he knew, the only large herd in Canada at present is in Nova Scotia.

## Farm Family Nomination Deadline Is July 15

The deadline for nominating candidates for Alberta's Master Farm Family awards has been extended to July 15 from July 1. Lateness of the crop season and condition of country roads was the reason.

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# THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



## Open Invitation To Shower

CROSSFIELD — Another of Crossfield's young ladi's anticipates a happy wedding this month and her many friends would like everyone interested to attend an open miscellaneous shower to be given in honor of Miss Ruth McCool in the United Church Parlor on Friday, July 21. The hostesses are Mesdames Mason, Thompson and Ruddy, who will be able assisted by many more friends. So keep July 21 in mind and be their guests.

## Happy Gang Garden Club Meets

CROSSFIELD — A meeting of the Happy Gang Garden Club was held on July 6 at the school. Owing to vacations, it was not attended as well as usual. A few items of general interest were discussed and the next meeting will be held July 18. Lunch was served to all present.

## Newly Weds Hold Wedding Dance

CROSSFIELD — Mickey and Don Slack, newlyweds, held a very well-attended wedding dance in the Crossfield Memorial Hall on Friday, July 6. Music was supplied by the Melody Five. The

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happy couple were the recipients of many good wishes and also a presentation from those present in the hall, at which they expressed sincere thanks.

## Shower Fetes Miss M. Snyder

CROSSFIELD.—A very pretty pre-nuptial shower honoring a bride-elect of the district, Miss Mildred Snyder, was held in the basement of the Masonic Hall, Saturday, June 23. The hall was prettily decorated with pink and white streamers and bells and a wagon with a large box in the same color scheme was drawn in by a cute little couple, Judy Snyder and Ken Murdoch, and presented to the bride elect, who was assisted in the opening of the parcels by her sisters, Lennie and Mattie. Eleanor Borbridge displayed the lovely gifts for her friend.

Mrs. Ken Borbridge and Mrs. Len Snyder presided at the tea urns at a table graced with flowers, tall tapers and pretty silver. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses Mesdames Borbridge, Stevens, Edlund, C. High, Wood and F. Murdoch. Mildred suitably thanked everyone present and a special thanks to those who had made her lovely shower a reality.

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